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In re: Yiqun Wang et al. Confirmation No.: 2225
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By Kathleen L. Boekley
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Applicants hereby requests consideration and entry of the Amendment After Final filed April 23, 2004. Also enclosed is a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to June 23, 2004.

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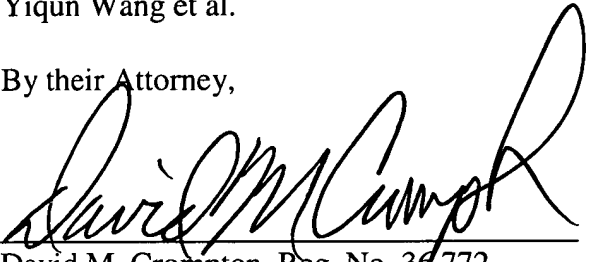
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Respectfully submitted,

Yiqun Wang et al.

By their Attorney,

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